

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please **ADD** claims 33-39 as shown below.

The following is a complete list of all claims in this application.

1-31 Cancelled.

32. (Previously Added) A surgical instrument seal assembly for mounting to a cannula for the insertion of a surgical instrument, the seal assembly comprising:

an upper body portion having an upper surface that defines a throughbore extending completely through the seal assembly;

a cylindrical wall protector extending inwardly into an interior portion of the upper body portion at the throughbore;

a lower body portion projecting below the upper body portion wherein the lower body portion defines a cannula receiving opening adapted to mount the seal assembly on the cannula; and

a unitary valve seal comprising;

an upper seal portion having a mounting portion rigidly mounted in the upper body portion adjacent an interior portion of the upper body portion, said interior portion opposing the upper surface, the upper seal portion being mounted about the throughbore, the cylindrical wall protector extending between the throughbore and the upper seal portion; and

a lower seal portion extending from the upper seal portion, the lower seal portion being adapted to seal around the surgical instrument.

33. (New) The surgical instrument seal assembly of claim 32, wherein the upper body portion further comprises an inner support member extending inwardly into the interior portion of the upper body.

34. (New) The surgical instrument seal assembly of claim 32, wherein the inner support member includes a shoulder.

35. (New) The surgical instrument seal assembly of claim 32, wherein the lower body portion comprises a transition wall which mates the upper body portion to the lower body portion, the transition wall is sloped.

36. (New) The surgical instrument seal assembly of claim 35, further comprising a shoulder extending from the transition wall into an interior portion of the lower body portion, the shoulder of the transition wall mating with the shoulder of the inner support member.

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37. (New) The surgical instrument seal assembly of claim 36, further comprising a seal positioned between the shoulder of the inner support member and the shoulder of the transition wall.

38. (New) The surgical instrument seal assembly of claim 32, wherein the upper seal portion has a generally frusto-conical lower sealing member and a first taper that is different from a second taper.

39. (New) The surgical instrument seal assembly of claim 32, wherein the valve seal

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includes a reinforcing layer.

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